

Burrillville

Recreation Commission

RE: Minutes, July 13, 2009

Present: Cheri Hall, Director Al Low

Al Gerew, Vice Chair Juliette Lopez-Recinos

Alice Lavigne, Secretary L. Kevin McDonald

Absent: Kurt Schatz, Chair

Excused: David Marcotte

Guests: -----

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Al Gerew, Vice Chair at the Burrillville Parks and Recreation Offices, 92 North Main Street, Pascoag, R.I.

Motion to accept minutes of June 8, 2009 regular meeting by Alice Lavigne. Seconded by L. Kevin McDonald. Motion passed 4-0.

Correspondence:

None

Good & Welfare:

The Director reported about an incident of a drowning that occurred at Spring Lake Beach. She was very proud of her staff that reacted in a very professional manner. The Harrisville Fire Department had a representative from the Rhode Island Critical Incident Group meet with the staff.

Juliette Lopez-Recinos reported this year's Relay for Life went extremely well with the event raising \$52,000. The Director stated next year would be the 5th and last year of the existing approval from the Zoning Board. Consequently, the Relay for Life committee is considering holding the 2010 event in Burrillville and then switching back to Glocester in 2011 if necessary. An application to the Burrillville Zoning Board will then be submitted for 2012.

Discussion took place regarding the Burrillville Farmer's Market located on the Burrillville Town Common and their allowed usage of the common with the agreement to move to the parking area if another town common event is scheduled.

Coaches Training has been rescheduled for a second session on August 5, 2009 for the coaches who were not able to attend the previous session.

The Director reported the possibility of the locking of the Hauser Field front gate due to problems of cars loitering and the removal of some

trees for more visibility.

Old Business:

2009-2010 Budgets/League

The Director reported the completion of the allocation of funds due to the new amount of \$32,000 to be distributed to the youth leagues according to the formula procedure. The funding breakdown: Jr. Hockey is \$8,485, Youth Basketball is \$6,028, Little League is \$11,142, Youth Football/Cheer is \$3,865 and Figure Skating is \$2,480. The Town Manager requested a breakdown of 20% per year over five years for the possible elimination of youth league funding as mentioned by the Town Council. The total budget decrease would be \$6,400 per year. Reports will be distributed via e-mail to the commission.

Pedestrian/Bike Path

The Director stated the next phase is being reviewed to possibly go before the Planning Board.

Spring Lake Beach

The Director reported reviewed the income reports for May and June which is \$23,000 less than last year due the rainy weather. This reiterates why the Spring Lake Beach account should not be utilized to allow for seasons which suffer a deficit. It is not possible to stay open later than Labor Day due to staffing reasons.

Recreation Vehicle

Alice Lavigne contacted Town Council President Nancy Binns to find out the procedure for the Director's approved department vehicle. Nancy Binns stated the money has been allotted for next spring from the budget versus from Burrillville Extended Care funds and Spring Lake funds for the new department vehicle. Currently a police vehicle will be utilized until spring.

Juliette Lopez-Recinos questioned the status of the approval vote of the Recreation Commission, Burrillville Extended Care and the Town Council to allow funding of a new department vehicle from Burrillville Extended Care and Spring Lake funds. Notification was not given to date to the Director, Recreation Commission or the Burrillville Extended Care Board of Directors regarding the funding change for a new recreation department vehicle. L. Kevin McDonald will investigate the issue of purchasing a new recreation department vehicle.

Park at Shippee Bridge

The Director reported the park is coming along. There were seven rails stolen. The sign has been ordered from Forge Signs at a cost of \$550. An outdoor grill to be mounted into the concrete has been ordered. The dedication ceremony has been moved from August 23rd to August 16th at 2:00 p.m. to accommodate the Bleiweis family. Joseph Dias of the Department of Environmental Management who awarded the funding grant was requested to speak but will not be

available due to vacation. The Director did request for another representative from the Department of Environmental Management attend. The Department of Transportation, Ed Pacheco and the Woonsocket Call have been invited. Invitations will be sent this week.

Senior Meal Site

The Director reported a Senior Meal Site survey has been distributed per the approval of the Town Manager and is on the town website. The department has received numerous positive responses with many people willing to volunteer at the Burrillville Community Recreation Center (Beckwith-Bruckshaw Lodge) site. Jill Anderson from Senior Services will handle the Department of Health for the site approval. A new stove will be delivered Thursday since the existing twenty-year old stove at the recreation center was not functioning correctly. The old stove did have a fixed asset number but per Mark Adams of the Treasurer's Office, a memo will be sent stating the stove is not usable and will be picked up by Staples when the new stove is delivered. The Senior Meal Site should start up in September when the senior workshops will begin again.

Duck Race

The Director requested tickets being sold by the Recreation Commission members be returned at next month's meeting.

The Director reported the U.S. Department of Agriculture was hired for two visits to remove the geese from Spring Lake Beach at a cost

of \$900 versus a contact cost of \$2,500. A total of fifteen geese were removed. They were more successful capturing the geese in the evening.

New Business:

August Meeting

The August meeting is held at the Spring Lake Beach Facility for an annual cookout. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m.

5K Road Race

Planning is underway for the annual 5K Road Race scheduled for Sunday, October 11, 2009 at 11:30 a.m.

L. Kevin McDonald asked how the Pascoag Block Party went. The Director reported the B.E.C. staff participated by providing a bouncy house and candy sand for the children. The rock wall which has previously been at Spring Lake Beach was set up behind the Pascoag Post Office. Battle of the Bands and the Chowder Contest went well.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made Juliette Lopez-Recinos. Seconded by L. Kevin McDonald.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Motion Passed 4-0.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., Spring Lake Beach Facility, 50 Old Hillside Drive, Glendale, RI 02826.

Recorded by

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